



## **First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – October 19, 2015**

### **FirstNet News**

- Comments on the [Special Notice](#) requesting feedback from stakeholders on “Appendix C-10 Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network Cyber Security” that will inform the development of the cyber security portions of the Requests for Proposals may be submitted via email **no later than 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, October 21, 2015.**
- Materials from the Fall 2015 SPOC Meeting were distributed to all attendees via email on Friday, October 16. Attached please find the handout from the Regional Discussions regarding consultation in 2016. If you would like to provide additional feedback, please complete the attached handout and **submit it to [Firstnet.Consultation@firstnet.gov](mailto:Firstnet.Consultation@firstnet.gov) by Monday, October 26.**
- This week, FirstNet will participate in the Northern Mariana (CNMI) and Guam initial consultation meetings; the Major Cities Chiefs, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and Police Executive Research Forum (MCC/IACP/PERF) co-located conferences, the Governors Interstate Indian Council (GIIC) board meeting, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Annual Convention and Marketplace, Public Safety Communications Research’s (PSCR) Location-Based Services Summit, the Department of Agriculture Chief Information Officers Council meeting, and the Industry Council for Emergency Response Technologies (iCERT) National Conference.
- FirstNet has created a presentation on its business model as part of its ongoing industry outreach efforts on opportunities for partnering with FirstNet. The presentation will be available later today on the [FirstNet resources page](#) under “presentations.”
- Last week, FirstNet participated in the National Association of Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) annual conference, the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) Fall meeting and the monthly Early Builder Working Group (EBWG) conference call.
- FirstNet’s Office of the Chief Technical Officer (CTO) team will be providing onsite support to future early builder project demonstrations, including: Texas A&M Winter Institute Exercise and Workshop (11/3-11/6); in Houston during the week of the FirstNet Board meeting (12/8-12/9); Pasadena Tournament of Roses (1/1); Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (3/1-3/20); and Texas Emergency Management Conference (4/1-4/9).
- To date, FirstNet has held 52 initial state consultation meetings involving more than 3,500 public safety representatives. Oklahoma has the last scheduled initial

consultation meeting on 10/28. An updated schedule can be viewed on the [website tracker](#).

- FirstNet is accepting applications for the Region 4 Lead, which closes October 21:  
**Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Public Safety) (ZP-0089-05)**

This is a remote worker position, the employee will telework full-time from their residence; therefore, applicants must reside, or be willing to relocate at their own expense, to one of the counties or cities within the Region 4 states.

Location: Montgomery County, AL; Tallahassee, FL; Atlanta, GA; Frankfort, KY; Jackson County, MS; Raleigh, NC; Columbia, SC; and Nashville, TN

Link to vacancy announcement: [NTIA-FRNA-2016-0009](#)

### **News from the PSAC, States, and Territories**

- The Internet2 Technology Evaluation Center (ITEC) at Texas A&M University is hosting a workshop at Disaster City in College Station, Texas, from November 3-5. The workshop will run concurrent to the third Winter Institute, which is a public safety exercise in which first responders get access to the Harris County TX Band 14 network and applications that demonstrate the power of the pending network. Participants in this year's exercise include Texas Task Force 1, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas National Guard, the Coast Guard and others. The workshop will leverage the exercise as participants learn what it takes to run their own exercise while witnessing the Winter Institute first hand. For more information and to register, please visit <https://itec.tamu.edu/>.
- We are reviewing data submissions (10,800+ survey responses from public safety entities nationwide including 49 states and 1.3 million users) and are scheduling calls with the states from October 19 through November 1 to discuss and clarify inputs.

### **Media Watch**

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### **Traditional Media**

Media coverage this week continued to focus on recent Board decisions, including the FirstNet final interpretations, and the cybersecurity Special Notice. Following is a sample of the coverage from this week. For more comprehensive coverage of all FirstNet stories, please consult the daily "Media Mentions" email.

## **Radio Resource/Mission Critical: FirstNet: Final Interpretations Include State Input**

<http://mccmag.com/Features/FeaturesDetails/FID/606>

Officials from the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) said the 64 final legal interpretations set to be released in the next few days include changes based on input from states and territories, specifically rural and coverage interpretations. Staff also outlined the state consultation plan for 2016.

## **Urgent Communications: Did You Blink During The Last Few Weeks? If So, Here Are Some Things You May Have Missed**

<http://urgentcomm.com/blog/did-you-blink-during-last-few-weeks-if-so-here-are-some-things-you-may-have-missed>

A lot is happening in the critical-communications arena right now, whether the topic is next-generation 911, cybersecurity or FirstNet, and it may be difficult for people in these industries to monitor everything. Here's a summary of some notable recent news items and an attempt to "connect the dots" between some of them.

## **Inside Towers: Rural Carriers Continue to Assess FirstNet's Decision**

<https://insidetowers.com/rural-carriers-continue-to-asses-firstnets-decision/>

Last week, FirstNet approved a resolution to accept only national deployment offers for its final request for proposal (RFP), removing the possibility that a bidder could be selected to build the network for a single state or region. Urgent Communications reported that carriers are still digesting this information and are deciding how best to proceed. At last week's CCA Annual Convention, there was a session titled "What can the FCC do to promote competition?"

### *Web and Social Media*

FirstNet was active on social media this week. Twitter now has 2,780 followers; LinkedIn increased to 1,035 users; YouTube and Google+ stayed the same at 166 subscribers and 56 users respectively.

Two new blog entries feature the important role of FirstNet State Points of Contacts - [Fall SPOC Meeting \(aka "SPOCtoberfest"\) Shows Value of In-Person Engagement with States, Territories](#) and [SPOC Spotlight - North Carolina SPOC Allan Sadowski](#). All blog posts can

also be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at:  
[www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog](http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog).